6. M/s Avon Gas Service, Najafgarh.
7. M/s Goodwilll Gas Service, Krishan Nagar
8. M/s Dagar Gas Service, Rohini
9. M/s Gayatri Gas Service, Subhash Nagar, Ghonda
10. M/s Parul Gas Service, Burari.

Long Term Management Plans for Kaziranga and Manas National Parks

*160. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the long term management plan of the Kaziranga and Manas National Parks in Assam;

(b) the assistance given by the World Wide Fund for Nature for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) and (b) Kaziranga and Manas National Parks in Assam do not have long-term management plans. Their management is being guided by annual action plans and the financial support required is also being assessed on annual basis.

(c) The World Wide Fund for Nature has so far committed Rs. 4.30 lakhs for Kaziranga and Rs. 2.10 lakhs for Manas National Parks.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

New Agricultural Policy

1086. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated new agricultural policy to ascertain faster growth in agriculture and animal husbandry sections in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details of the new policy approach to sluggish agricultural growth in Bihar and an estimate of financial requirement during Ninth Plan period for achievement of the targeted growth in agriculture and animal husbandry sector;

(c) whether Government have identified the missing linkages and factors responsible for sluggish growth in agriculture and allied sectors in Bihar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action proposed to be taken for effective implementation of new agricultural policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) The Government of India have formulated a draft Agriculture Policy Resolution to ascertain faster growth in agriculture and animal husbandry sectors in the country including Bihar. Formulation of State Agriculture Policy concerns the respective State Governments. The outlays for agriculture and the physical targets for the 9th plan for Bihar State have not been finalised.

(c) and (d) the major factor responsible for sluggish growth in Agriculture and allied Sectors, inter-alia, are poor irrigation facilities, low input of fertilisers, uneconomic size of holding, low level of infrastructural development, inadequate flow of institutional finance, etc.

These will be suitably addressed in the Ninth Plan.

Central Assistance for Agricultural Production in Bihar

1087. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with a view to augment agricultural production, Central assistance is being provided to the farmers of Bihar for acquiring agricultural implements and machines under various crop specific programmes;

(b) if so, the details therof; and

(c) the other measures being taken by Government for augmenting agricultural production in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Scheme-wise Central assistance being provided for acquiring agricultural implements and machines under various crop specific programmes, is given in the Statement (see below).

(c) The other measures being implemented in the State of Bihar under various crop specific Centrally Sponsored Programmes for increasing production and productivity of crops, are given below:—

(i) Production and distribution of seed of location specific high yielding varieties;

(ii) Demonstrations to propagate improved production technology;

(iii) Farmers training programme;

(iv) Distribution of minikits of improved varieties of seed, essential nutrients, etc.; and

(v) Promotion of technology for efficient use of water, etc.

Statement

Central assistance being provided for acquiring agricultural implements and machines under various crop specific programmes

1. *Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Rice)*

(i) Farm Implements	:	50% of the cost of identified improved farm implements limited to Rs. 1500/- per implement per farmer.
(ii) Power tiller with rotavator	:	50% of the cost subject to Rs. 30,000/- per unit, whichever is less.

2. *Accelerated Maize Development Project*

(i) Farm implements	:	50% of the cost of identified improved farm implements limited to Rs. 1500/- per implement per farmer.
(ii) Maize Sheller (power operated)	:	25% of the cost, limited to Rs. 5,000/- per unit, per farmer.

3. *Special Jute Development Programme*

(i) Multi-row seed drill	:	50% of the cost of limited to Rs. 1500/- per unit.
(ii) Weel-hoe	:	50% of the cost limited to Rs. 250/- per unit.

4. *Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System*

(i) Bullock drawn implements	:	50% of the cost of subject to limit of Rs. 2000/- per implement.
(ii) Tractor drown implement	:	25% of the cost subject to a limit of Rs. 7500/- per implement.

5. *Oilseeds Production Programme*

(i) Improved Farm implements	:	50% of the cost limited to Rs. 1500/- per implement.
(ii) Plant Protection equipment	:	50% of the cost of equipment subject to maximum of Rs. 600/- per equipment for manually operated and maximum of Rs. 1500/- per equipment for power sprayer and duster.

6. *National Pulses Development Project*

(i) Improved Farm implements : 50% of the cost limited to Rs. 1500/- per implement.

(ii) Plant Protection equipment : 50% of the cost of limited to Rs. 600/- per equipment for manually operated and Rs. 1500/- per equipment for power operated.

Integrated pest Management in Bihar

1088. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the latest steps being taken by Government in the area of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in Bihar with details thereof;

(b) whether Government have finalised any scheme for phasing out the use of hazardous pesticides in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Keeping in view the global concern on harmful effects of pesticides, the Government of India during 1985 adopted Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as cardinal principle and main plank of plant protection in the overall crop production programme. Under this programme, the erstwhile Central Surveillance Stations, Central Plant Protection Stations and Central Biological Control Stations were reorganised in 1991 to constitute 26 Central Integrated Pest Management Centres (CIPMCs) including one at Patna to implement IPM related activities in Bihar. Under this programme, 2 Season Long Training Courses one each at Danapur for rice and for vegetable in Ranchi have been conducted wherein 56 master trainers have been trained from Bihar. In addition, through the establishment of 236 Farmers' Field Schools, 1,180 Agricultural Extension Officers and 7,080 farmers have been trained in IPM skill in Bihar. To supplement the State efforts in the production of biological control agents, grants-in-aid of Rs. 50.00 lakh is being provided to Bihar for the establishment of one State Biological Control Laboratory. Out of this Rs. 20,00 lakh have been released during the 8th Plan and administrative approval for remaining Rs. 30.00 lakh has been accorded during 1997-98.

(b) and (c) Sir, under the provisions of Insecticides Act, 1968 hazardous pesticides are being regularly phased out in the country including Bihar. So far, 20 pesticides have been banned/phased out of use in the country. The list is given in the statement (see below).

Statement

Pesticides banned

S.No.	Pesticides
1.	Aldrin
2.	Benzene Hexachloride (BHC)
3.	Calcium Cyanide
4.	Chlordane
5.	Copper Acetoarsenite
6.	Dibromochloropropane (DBCP)
7.	Endrin
8.	Ethyl Mercury Chloride
9.	Ethyl Parathion
10.	Heptachlor
11.	Menazon
12.	Nicotine Sulphate*
13.	Nitrofen
14.	Paraquate dimethyl sulphate
15.	Pentachloro nitrobenzene (PCNB)
16.	Pentachlorophenol (PCP)
17.	Phynyl Mercury Acetate (PMA)*
18.	Sodium Methane arsonate (MSMA)
19.	Tetradifon
20.	Toxaphene

*These pesticides are manufactured in India for export only.